

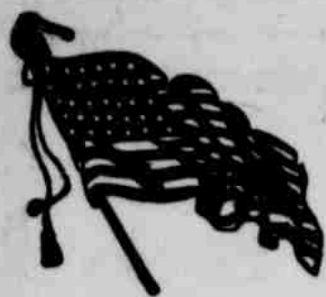
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OUR FLAG

"Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable."

...Editorial...

DO YOUR DUTY

Everything is all set and ready now for the "County War Fund" drive which starts next Monday. Unlike the Liberty Loan, subscriptions to the War Fund will not be returned with interest in dollars and cents. But the consciousness of having performed a duty; Of having contributed your share in caring for the boys who are fighting that the United States may continue to exist as a nation; The thought that one has helped to bind the gaping wounds of some brave American boy at the front, will be ample return for the investment.

There are several things to remember, before making up your mind as to the amount you will subscribe to the War Fund:—First, the amount subscribed to the first Red Cross drive, cannot be taken as a criterion of the amount you should subscribe this time. The need now for Red Cross and other humanitarian war activities is double now what it was then, and will continue to increase as long as the war lasts. Second, the subscription this time is to cover the period of one year, in all the various departments of war work. The sum of \$75,000, which must be raised in Van Buren county, will cover it all, according to careful estimates made by the war board. The fact that one has loaned some money to the government in the purchase of a liberty bond will in no way excuse him from a subscription to this fund. Those who gave before must give again. Those who did not give before, must loosen their purse strings now. There can be no excuse. We are engaged in one of the most terrible wars the world has ever known. Our liberty and our very life itself is at stake. Every one has a duty to perform and must do it. Van Buren county must "Go Over the Top" in the \$75,000 War Fund Drive. Do your duty.

FORGET THE PROFITS

"I am going to seed down my farm. I can't afford to raise wheat at the price fixed by the government, and I can't afford to take chances on beans and potatoes, after my experience of last year."

The above is the substance of a statement made recently by a prominent Van Buren county farmer. It was not made with a vicious, or unpartisan motive, but simply shows that this farmer at least, does not have a clear conception of duty in time of war. Such an attitude among farmers, if it were universal would be alarming and positively and absolutely fatal to our cause in this war. Farmers as a class are just as patriotic and loyal to their country's cause as people in any other occupation. Of course it is a little difficult for people in any field of endeavor to lose sight of the mercenary end of a transaction. In times of peace, folks labor from day to day, for the profit there is in such labor. Then it is not merely a matter of duty, but rather of choice in anticipation of remuneration. In times of war, however, all lines of industrial activity must be viewed from a standpoint of duty. The young men of the land leave home and loved ones, leave lucrative positions many of them, to fight in the trenches side by side with the allies across the sea. For what? Not from choice and not for financial remuneration. But because it is their duty. Duty to their country in time of gravest need. Likewise the folks at home have a duty, and one of the most important of all is the growing and providing of food stuffs. No patriotic farmer will refuse to crowd his farm to the limit, during these strenuous times, because the profits are uncertain. Every man who toils should have just and fair remuneration for his labor. But the raising of food stuffs must not be neglected even though there should be no remuneration. What would the farms amount to if Germany should win this war? It is not hard to answer this question. Then again, we must realize that we never can win this war, without the requisite amount of food. It simply resolves itself down to this cold fact. Farmers must go the limit and utilize every available inch of land it is possible to care for, and forget the profits. It is a matter of self preservation, and a matter of duty. What would one think of a soldier or company of soldiers who refused to go into battle because they had been defeated in a preceding battle. Civilians are no less soldiers, than are the boys at the front. Every man, woman and child must do their duty.

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May Music Festival

Armory, Kalamazoo, May 23d, 24th, 3 Concerts

Minneapolis - Symphony - Concert

Emil Oberhoff, Conductor

—Soloists—

Royal Dadmun	Bass	Sophia Braslau	Contralto
Christine Schutz	Contralto	Paul Althouse	Tenor
Allen McQuhae	Tenor	Arthur Middleton	Baritone
Richard Czerwonky	Violin	Idelle Patterson	Soprano
Henry J. Williams	Harp	Cornelius Van Vliet	Cello

Children's Chorus Three Hundred Voices
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Kalamazoo Choral Union Three Hundred Voices
Harper C. Maybee, Conductor
Tickets—All Concerts \$1.00 75c 50c

For further information and seat reservations, address
Kalamazoo Choral Union, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The suggestion of two weeks ago in the editorial columns of The True Northerner, that the village of Paw Paw establish a "Community Wood Pile and Coal Yard" seems to meet with universal approval, judging from commendatory remarks. This is a matter that should receive the early attention of the council. Unless every prediction and indication fails, the fuel shortage of last winter will be like a summer day in July as compared to the conditions that will confront us next winter. Let us have "The Community Wood Pile."

Note a word of criticism or fault found in the schools in any spot or place. Everything moves along like clock work, and pupils and teachers are on the job every minute. This community never had the advantages of a better school than right now.

Not much excitement thus far in politics. People simply won't get excited. To win the war is the most important piece of work this country ever tackled, and everything else sinks into insignificance when compared with the main job.

Jasper M. Buckley for Sheriff



To the voters of Van Buren County: I hereby wish to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff at the August Primary and if successful I will endeavor to the best of my ability to give the people a loyal, efficient and economical administration.

Further, I pledge myself to appoint deputies who will be men of mature years, courageous, energetic and of high moral principles. If this meets with your approval, I earnestly solicit your loyal support.

Very sincerely yours
Jasper M. Buckley
(Paid Political Advertising)

Continued from last week

Interesting letter from John A. Young of Asbestine, Virginia to The True Northerner. Mr. Young and family were formerly residents of Paw Paw and for many years he was Mail Carrier on Route No. 5 from the local office. The letter is like a visit with old friends, and will be of intense interest to readers of The True Northerner who have known this estimable family in the years gone by.

berries are very sweet and some of them good size, though not as large as the tame. Dewberries and blackberries are fully as large, if not larger, than any tame ones I ever saw, and with a much better flavor. There are three or four different kinds of wild grapes and some raspberries. The wild plums are delicious preserved or raw. And we have great quantities of huckleberries, blue, grey and black (enough to supply the whole state) within a short walk of our house, which grow on the upland, instead of in the marshes as there. All kinds of tame fruits do well here too.

We are very nicely situated, twenty five miles from Lynchburg, which is our best large market, being a very busy and thriving city of thirty-five or forty thousand inhabitants. Our farm is just half way between the C. & O. and the Southern Railroad, one running through to Washington and the other through Lynchburg to Rich-

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OF

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Let us show you the attractive new models that have just been received. We have them in all sizes to fit all women, and their modest cost is a revelation in economical dressing.

Be Sure to Come to Our Store this Week
\$1.50 to \$3.95

Many Models to Choose From
Sizes 36 to 56

All Women Perfectly Fitted.

F.R. AVERY

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..There will be Another..

There will be another Liberty Loan and another and still more loans until the war is won.

So do not consider that your duty is done because you have bought Liberty Bonds.

You will be expected to buy bonds of the next issue and now is the time to commence saving, that you may be prepared to buy when the next loan comes.

You will find a savings account at this bank a great help.

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